

tells of the plans of the United States Government and what will happen should a submarine approach an armed American merchantman. It was explained by at least one diplomat that details of the American plans were desired more for the information of European neutral nations than for their guidance.

DIPLOMATS BELIEVE U. S. IS NEAR WAR WITH GERMANY.

Virtually all agreed that in their opinion the United States to-day was nearer to war with Germany than at any time within its history.

It is understood on highest authority that this Government, in connection with revealed German intrigues and plotting that stretches from the Canadian boundary through Central America to the southernmost South American country, is considering some kind of pronouncement that is expected to call forth from each of the other twenty American republics an avowal of cooperation in quelling for all time pernicious Teutonic influence in this hemisphere.

Some of the American ships can be armed within a few hours. It will require only a few days to equip most of them. The work probably will be done at the nearest navy yard, after application for armament has been approved by the Navy Department. Guns are ready, and should war come, merchant vessels can be converted into naval auxiliaries within a short time.

While there can be no room to doubt that it is the purpose of the Government to request Congressional approval of any steps contemplated by the President to protect American interests at sea, it is not improbable that the form of the Armed Neutrality Bill that failed of passage in the Senate on Sunday will be enlarged in scope.

WANTS THE OLD LAW REPEALED BY CONGRESS.

It is considered highly probable that the President will recommend the passage of a measure invalidating all of the obsolete laws now on the statute books that tend to lessen the authority of the Government in an emergency or that permits of any question of such authority.

The special session called by the President will devote a good deal of time to the consideration of domestic matters. Appropriation bills, including that for the army, will have to be passed with little delay.

These appropriation bills carry something in excess of \$500,000,000. The Army Bill carries \$279,000,000, the Rivers and Harbors \$38,000,000, the Sundry Civil \$128,000,000, the General Deficiency \$62,500,000, the Military Academy \$1,348,000.

In addition to these measures which will receive consideration are the amendment to the Shipping Bill empowering the President to commandeer ships and shipyards, several important railroad bills, a measure denouncing corrupt practices in political elections, several conservation bills and the Webb act to encourage exports to foreign countries.

"HUMPTY-DUMPTY" DEAD.

Tony Denier, Clown for 40 Years. Expires at 74 as Result of Fall. KINGSTON, N. Y., March 10.—Famous for forty years as the original "Humpty-Dumpty" clown, Tony Denier died here to-day from a fall on an icy sidewalk.

He was seventy-eight years old and had been an inmate of the almshouse since June. He retired as a clown eight years ago. Two years later he married the widow of Daniel Sully, an actor. He won recently a \$3,000 judgment from her in a suit to recover \$17,000 he claimed to be his lifetime savings, which he had advanced as a loan to her.

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Get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little into your hand and rub well into the scalp with the finger tips. By morning most, if not all, of this awful scurf will have disappeared. Two or three applications will destroy every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair.—Advt.

BAD SPRAINS OR MUSCLE STRAIN

Rub pain, ache, soreness and swelling right out with "St. Jacobs Oil."

Rub it on a sprained ankle, wrist, shoulder, back or a sprain or strain anywhere, that's when you realize the magic in old, honest "St. Jacobs Oil," because the moment it is applied, out comes the pain, ache, soreness and swelling. It penetrates right into the "injured muscles," nerves, ligaments, tendons and bones, and relief comes instantly. It not merely kills pain, but soothes and heals the injury so a quick recovery is effected.

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Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c, 25c.

HUNGER AT ACUTE STAGE NOW IN ALL WARRING NATIONS

Parents Are Reported to Be Killing Children Because There Is No Food.

LONDON, March 10.—The food shortage is becoming acute in all the warring countries in Europe. In Germany the situation has long been worse than the Government has been willing to admit; in France the lack of grain is causing worry; in Russia the problem is urgent; in England the Cabinet is giving it serious attention. Only fragmentary reports of the details in the Prussian Diet have been printed in the German newspapers, but the Vorwaerts, received in Amsterdam to-day, contains this from the speech of a Socialist, Herr Hoyer: "The mortality among elderly people is increasing at a terrible rate, while epidemics are spreading everywhere, owing to decreased power of resistance. The number of suicides is increasing and parents are killing their children owing to inability to obtain food for them. Yet the price of potatoes, which long ago became generally scarce, is to be increased."

The Russian Government has called a special conference to deal immediately with the food problem in Petrograd.

Maximum prices for bacon, butter, cheese and lard have been set by the produce exchanges in all English cities. The list will be revised fortnightly by the Food Controller. Bacon is set at 140 to 150 shillings a hundredweight, butter at 314 to 318; cheese at 140 to 184, and lard at 140 to 141 shillings a hundredweight.

By arrangement with the Minister of Agriculture and the Food Controller in England, the Ministry of Munitions is taking control of all fats, oils and oleated and their products, including oil cake, soap and margarine.

GREET VON BERNSTORFF WITH SONG AT CHRISTIANIA

Arrives in Midst of Storm but Cheering Germans Give Him Warm Reception.

LONDON, March 10.—Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador at Washington, arrived at Christiania this morning in the midst of a violent snowstorm.

The steamer Frederik VIII., on which he and his party travelled from the United States by way of Halifax, was completely covered with ice and snow.

On reaching the quay several hundred members of the German colony and representatives of the Legation gave the returning passengers an enthusiastic welcome. The first words heard by the former Ambassador as he entered the harbor being the German national anthem, "Deutschland Ueber Alles."

Passengers on the liner said that bad weather prevailed throughout the voyage and that nearly all those on board were exhausted by sea sickness from the numerous violent storms.

DOWIE SUCCESSOR TO WAR ON OYSTERS AND SHRIMP

Voliva Will Take His Choir and Exhorters to Fight "Scavengers of the Sea."

(Special to The Evening World.) NEW ORLEANS, March 10.—William Glenn Voliva, Dowie's successor as general overseer at Zion City, Ill., to-day announced he would bring his white-robed choir and a corps of exhorters here to fight the chief diseases of New Orleans's creole cooks.

"Voliva will war on oysters, shrimp, crab and other 'scavengers of the sea.' Four-fifths of the population of New Orleans make sea food their principal article of diet."

13,000 Shoe Workers to Get 10 Per Cent. Increase May 1.

BROCKTON, Mass., March 10.—A 10 per cent. wage increase for 13,000 shoe workers effective May 1, is announced to-day by the Brockton Manufacturers' Association. Manufacturers said the new scale would add \$1,300,000 annually to the payroll of local factories. The operators also were granted half holiday on Saturdays.

Bomb Found in the Union Station of Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., March 10.—A bomb containing pirated ammoniac was found planted in the waiting room of the Union Station to-day. It had a wire for fuse. Investigators said they were convinced they had thwarted a plan to blow up the station.

Took Poison by Mistake

You read that headline almost daily. Keep poisons out of your home—use safe Pro-Phy-Tol. It is more powerful as an antiseptic than bichloride—may be used for every sterilizing purpose, yet cannot injure any one even if swallowed.

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FRENCH PENETRATE THIRD GERMAN LINE ON VERDUN FRONT

Also Make Fresh Progress in Violent Fighting in the Champagne.

PARIS, March 10.—On the Verdun front the Germans attacked the trenches recaptured by the French north of Caurieres Wood, to-day's official statement says. The Germans penetrated these positions at some points, but were ejected by a counter-attack. The French continued their raids, penetrating the German positions east of Arnancourt as far as the third trenches, and taking prisoners near Crouy, northeast of Soissons.

Violent fighting occurred in the Champagne last night in consequence of a German attempt to recapture the ground won by the French between Butte du Mesnil and Maisons de Champagne. After several desperate charges had been made, with alternate advances and retreats, the French succeeded in holding all the ground they had gained, and in making fresh progress.

French Won in "Battle of the Bilsard."

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES APPLIED, March 10.—It was a "Battle of the Bilsard" by which the French troops wrested their victory from the Germans in the Champagne. The full extent of that victory, apparent to-day, makes even more marvellous the fight which the French troops waged, not alone against the enemy but against the weather itself.

Snow covered all the ground except a black gash across Dead Man's Land, where the white covering had been churned up and the snow turned under by high explosive shells.

When the infantry leaped from the trenches in successive waves they were silhouetted for an instant against the snow-white background of the trench walls, and then stepped forward to be engulfed in the blackness of this gash of churned up earth and snow.

They pushed forward at a slow, uniform pace, reserving their strength for the final hand-to-hand conflict when they attained the German positions.

Russians Penetrate German Trenches in Champagne.

BEILIN, March 10 (via Sayville).—Russian troops in the Champagne attacked the German lines near Proseus yesterday. To-day's War Office announcement says the Russians penetrated German trenches at some points but were subsequently driven out.

"South of the Avre the French attacked portions of our trenches near Laucourt and south of Crapeaumont," the statement says. "They were defeated in hand to hand fighting. Two prisoners remained in our hands. The French trench raiding detachments brought back fourteen men from the hostile lines. In the Western Champagne, on both sides of Proseus, Russians, led by French officers, advanced against our positions. The detachments engaged in some places."

On the west bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) a French advance upon Cheppy Wood was without result. East of the Meuse our storming detachments entered Caurieres Wood and returned with six officers, 200 men and two machine-guns. The remainder of the French trench garrison escaped by hasty flight.

"Our airmen shot down six hostile airplanes and two captive balloons. By effective fire one hostile machine was brought down. Lieutenant Baron von Riechthofen was victor for the twenty-fifth time in an air engagement."

There was no fighting of importance on the eastern front. The number of prisoners taken by the storming of Magyars Heights (on the Moldavian frontier) reached thirteen officers and 241 men. We captured seventeen machine-guns and five mine-throwers."

Russians Capture the Persian Town of Senne.

PETROGRAD, March 10 (via London).—An official statement issued to-day by the Russian War Department regarding military operations in Western Europe, says:

"In the direction of Bessarabia the Russian took the town of Senne and the Turkish positions in the vicinity."

AIR RAID ON RUSSIAN PORT.

German Naval Planes Drop Bombs on Positions Near Sullina.

BEILIN, March 10 (via Sayville).—The following announcement was made to-day by the Admiralty:

"German naval planes on March 6 attacked port establishments and Russian positions near the Sullina (entrance of the Danube, in Northern Dobruja). Numerous bombs were dropped successfully. All the airplanes returned unharmed, notwithstanding the enemy's defensive fire."

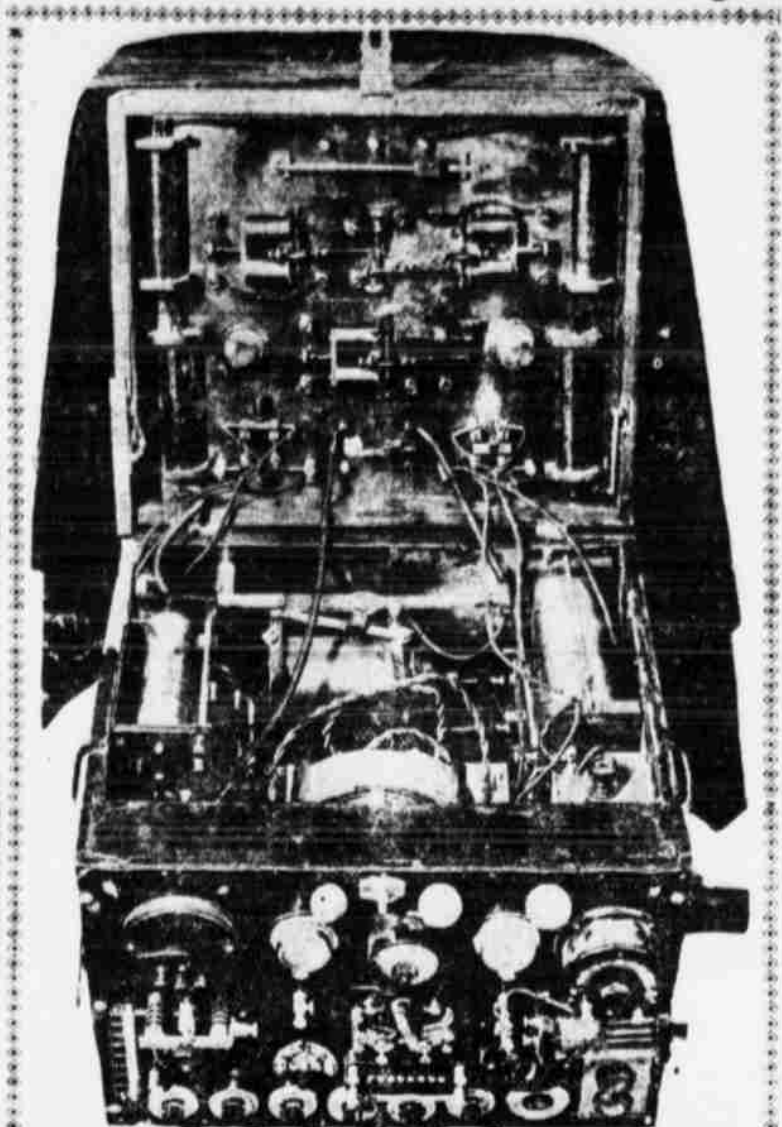
New Effort to Ratify the Columbian Treaty.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Vice President Marshall, calling at the White House to-day to pay his respects to the President before departing for a trip through the South, said he anticipated a further effort would be made to ratify the Columbian Treaty during the present session of the Senate, because of the foreign situation, he added. It is more necessary than ever that friendly relations be maintained with all Central and South American nations.

Oldest Woman in Maine Is 107 Years Old To-Day.

BRUNSWICK, Me., March 10.—Mrs. Mary Goodard, one of the oldest Quaker preachers in the United States and believed to be the oldest person in Maine, observed her 107th birthday to-day. Mrs. Goodard received many letters of congratulation, including one from Gov. McKim.

"Money Machine" That Sends And Receives Wireless Messages



BRITISH CAPTURE AND PASS BAGDAD, LONDON REPORTS

Military Writer Asserts Cavalry Has Dashed on Toward Sandra.

LONDON, March 10.—The London Daily Chronicle says to-day that it is virtually certain the British troops are now in Bagdad and that official confirmation of this may be expected at any moment. The Chronicle's military correspondent, upon whose information the assertion apparently is based, writes:

"One is entitled to assume that the city was occupied without any serious fighting, and we shall probably learn that our cavalry dashed through it and along the Tigris toward Sandra."

Information from Turkish sources, according to a despatch from Rome to the Telegraph, states that the disasters to the Ottoman troops in Mesopotamia have caused great alarm at Constantinople. There are protests against the conduct of Germany, which is accused of having betrayed Turkey by first obtaining the latter's aid and then exposing her to danger in Asia.

The news from Mesopotamia is continually more serious, and it is stated that the Ottoman army there is completely demoralized and without munitions or food.

A Turkish official report issued in Constantinople under yesterday's date alludes to the British operations against Bagdad as follows:

"A small force of enemy cavalry which attempted to approach our left wing on the Tigris was repulsed with heavy losses."

BRIDE JUMPS INTO SEA AFTER BAY RUM ORGIE

Husband Tries to Follow Her—Old Dominion Captain Tells of Spree.

NORFOLK, Va., March 10.—Mrs. Wilmer Branch, eighteen, of Richmond, a bride of two months, jumped from the Old Dominion liner Brandon in James River last night and was drowned. Her husband was prevented from jumping after her. In court here to-day the captain of the ship testified that Branch and her wife had been drinking bay rum, and that the wife was hysterical. He was held for mental examination.

Can't Hang a Condemned Man on U. S. Government Roof.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Treasury Department officials to-day declined to permit the auction of public buildings at Spokane to use the roof of the Federal building as a location for a scaffold for the execution of Edward G. Bremer, sentenced to die March 20 by the Federal Court. Capital punishment being forbidden in Washington, a Federal reservation is the only place where the man could be executed.

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GERMAN-AMERICAN SEIZED IN INTERRED RAIDER PLOT

Henry Rohner, Rich Philadelphian, Accused in Connection With Smuggling Scheme.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—Henry Rohner, President of the Henry Rohner Company, wholesale grocers and delicatessen dealers of this city, and a well known German American, was arrested this afternoon in connection with a smuggling scheme involving members of the crew of the interned German commerce raider, Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, at the Philadelphia navy yard.

Government officials declined to state the exact charge lodged against Rohner.

Will Bring Fritzen Here; Consul Linked in Plot

Search Being Made in Los Angeles For Trunk Suspect Says He Lost in Mexico.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 10.—Although Alfred Fritzen, Weiland Canal plot suspect, under arrest, reiterates his statement that German Consul Roedel here was in no way connected with him, Federal officials are to-day giving attention to the relationship they allege exists between Fritzen and German diplomatic officials.

Search is also under way for a trunk belonging to Fritzen. Officials believe this is stored in Los Angeles, instead of being lost in Mexico, as Fritzen claims.

It was as "Count Kruger" that Fritzen was known to Miss Madeleine Rungner, who figured in his arrest. Arrangements to take Fritzen to New York are under way to-day.

Says Fritzen Offered \$1,000 to Be Taken to Mexico City.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., March 10.—Capt. Alfred Fritzen, held in Los Angeles, made an offer of \$1,000 to Jack Rivers, driver of a bus line, if he would take Fritzen to Mexico City, Rivers declared to-day. Rivers was unwilling to take the chance.

Arrest in Chicago Linked With Philadelphia Plot.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Fritz Wolf, a German whose home is said to be in Philadelphia, was taken in custody by agents of the Federal Department of Justice here to-day. Officials declined to divulge the charge upon which Wolf was held. It was rumored he is suspected of having been one of the crew of an interned German vessel at Philadelphia.

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ASKS ORDEAL TRIAL FOR ACCUSED IN LLOYD GEORGE PLOT

Counsel for Prisoners Is Willing Women Should Walk Over Hot Irons.

LONDON, March 10 (1.30 P. M.).—In the course of an eloquent and vigorous speech to-day in summing up the case of the four prisoners on trial charged with conspiring to murder Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the War Council, S. H. Riza, the Mohammedan lawyer who is acting as attorney for the defendants, started the court room by suggesting a trial by ordeal. He referred to the medieval form of judicial trial in which, in place of evidence supernatural aid is invoked, as in a test by fire, water, poison or other agencies.

Attorney Riza has been endeavoring to impress the jury with the alleged sinister significance of the failure of the Crown to produce Gordon, the chief witness against the four defendants, Mrs. Alice Wheeldon, her two daughters and Arthur George Mason, husband of one of the daughters. The attorney declared Gordon had started the whole plot, had lured the defendants on and then when he had got them well within his net had handed them over to another agent named Booth so that his own connection with the case would not be so flagrantly apparent.

Then after a long and impressive pause Attorney Riza suddenly said: "In the absence of Gordon I would suggest that the defendants should have a trial by ordeal."

The Judge was puzzled and said: "I fear that would be impossible. It has been abolished. Do you seriously suggest the ladies should walk over hot ploughshares in order to prove their innocence?"

Riza—I do.

The Judge—It is no use submitting such a suggestion. You are not serious.

Riza—I do seriously suggest it.

ONE YEAR IN JAIL EACH FOR SINKING GERMAN SHIP

Eight Officers of the Vessel Who Scorned U. S. Laws Must Also Pay \$500 Fine Each.

FLORENCE, S. C., March 10.—Eight officers of the German steamship Liebenfels, sunk in Charleston harbor the night of Jan. 31, last, to-day were sentenced to a year in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500 each.

They were convicted yesterday of sinking a vessel in a navigable stream in violation of the navigation laws.

Bonds were fixed at \$5,000, which the defendants were not immediately able to give. While efforts were being made to arrange for bonds, the prisoners were kept in the Federal Court House under guard.

IDENTIFIES MAN WHO LOST HIS MEMORY AND FORTUNE

Cousin of Charles Ostrander, 70, Believes He Was Robbed After Injury by Fall.

A mysterious stranger who has been occupying a bed in the "Klondike" ward on Blackwell's Island, was to-day identified as Charles Ostrander, a seventy-year-old widower, said to have been the owner of a large fortune. For two months Ostrander has been suffering from a loss of memory following a fall. He called himself "Klondike" and the ward was named after him.

The identification was made by Mrs. Edmunda M. Ostrander, a cousin of No. 1105 Bergen Street, Brooklyn. At her request to-day Justice Delehanty ordered an inquiry into the matter.

Mr. Ostrander told the court that just before her cousin's fall he had many thousands of dollars in local banks and in stocks concealed in various warehouses in the city. Strange men, she said, accompanied Ostrander to these banks and warehouses until only about \$5,500 of his wealth remained.

\$12,964.418 Worth of Food in Chicago's Pantries.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Foodstuffs in Chicago's retail markets have a value of \$12,964,418, according to reports made to-day by Commanders of forty-five city Police Precincts, under whose orders retail stores have been inspected. The information gathered by the police will be turned over to the Federal authorities, who are inquiring into the cost of foods.

Aviator, a Baron, Scores His Twenty-Fifth Victory.

BERLIN, via Sayville, wireless, March 10.—Lieut. Baron von Riechthofen, one of Germany's star aviators, scored his twenty-fifth air victory in an air engagement on the western front, the official statement said to-day.

Supposed Incendiary Fire Started in Arms Plant.

UTICA, N. Y., March 10.—The Savage Arms plant here, where Lewis machine guns are manufactured for the Allies, was damaged early to-day by fire believed to have been of incendiary origin. An investigation has been started. The fire was discovered in an oil house and was extinguished by employees.

CORRIGAN DOFFS HIS IRISH DISGUISE; HE'S A DUTCHMAN

Actor Pleads Guilty in Seeking Citizenship That He Is Antonius Nicolaus Petrus Zilles.

Irish Americans hold fast! The distressing news this story will bring you. Brace yourselves for here comes the shock! Emmet Corrigan, regarded by you for many years as one of the most distinguished actors of Irish descent on the American stage, pleaded guilty to-day to being a Dutchman.

Mr. Corrigan threw off his Irish disguise when he put in his application for citizenship papers, his confession surprising even his closest friends. In answer to questions he said his real name was Antonius Nicolaus Petrus Zilles, who was born in Amsterdam, Holland, June 5, 1868, and came to America when six years old, from Wiesbaden, Germany. There's the record for you, me buckos. But there's this consolation: It isn't likely the actor would have reached Broadway if he had stuck to his own name. No manager would be willing to stand the expense of putting Antonius, &c., in electric lights.

All that remains now is for Maggie Cline to announce she is a Swede and George M. Cohan that he is a Turk. At that, it's a good thing Emmet didn't wait until next Saturday, the 17th, to break the news.

BIG WIRELESS STATION BEING ERECTED IN MEXICO

Engineers From the Interned Vatterland Here Are Directing the Work of Construction.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 10.—American passengers on the Wolvin Line steamship Harald, which arrived here to-day from Vera Cruz, declare that a powerful radio station is being erected on a hill near Mexico City under the direction of German engineers.

These passengers: F. L. Kroull of Oklahoma and Harry S. Witney of Sherborn, Mass., say they have positive information that such a station is in course of construction, and that it is expected to establish direct communication with Berlin.

Mr. Kroull said the steel work on the towers had been completed. Mr. Witney said that it was understood that the chief engineer and assistant engineer of the German steamship Vatterland, interned at New York, are directing the work.

Passengers on the Harald also said that four or five other high power radio stations are being erected in other sections of Mexico.

ON 8 SHIPS SUNK, SIX BY U BOATS, HE'S OLD AT 20

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torpedoed just before Christmas, 1915, in the English Channel. He floated four hours on a hatch cover in the icy water and was picked up by a passing steamer and landed in Spain.

Going back to England Stringer signed as a steward on a British transport bound for the Dardanelles. This ship was torpedoed in the Aegean Sea and was beached under fire of a Turkish battery. Two machine gun bullets struck Stringer in the right leg, and he found himself next aboard a hospital ship bound for England. The ship, he says, was torpedoed in the English Channel. About eighty-five of the wounded men were lost, according to Stringer.

After a long spell in a London hospital Stringer says he shipped again on a vessel which was torpedoed in the North Sea. He was taken ashore by a British patrol boat and got a berth on the Portland, which has thus far eluded torpedoes and mines.

U. S. Navy League Organizes a Section in Paris.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Navy League headquarters here received a telegram from Paris to-day announcing the organization of a Paris section of the League and declaring it was ready for any patriotic service. Prof. James Mark Baldwin, formerly of New York, was made chairman; John Ridgely Carter, former American Minister to Romania, Serbia and Bulgaria, Vice Chairman, and C. H. Mower, Secretary-Treasurer.

Thomas Hayes, Aged Pedestrian, Burned to Death.

BERWICK, Pa., March 10.—Thomas Hayes, aged eighty, who claimed the heel and toe walking championship of the United States, at one time was burned to death in his home here yesterday. He had come to have relatives in New York City.

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DIED.

McGRATH.—At Hoboken on March 8, CATHERINE McGRATH (nee Barry), aged 61 years, widow of Patrick McGrath, at her late residence, 422 Bloomfield St.

Funeral Sunday, 1:30 P. M. Interment Holy Cross by William Nacker, Inc.